

Exhibit C

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

ROSY GIRON DE REYES; JOSE
DAGOBERTO REYES; FELIX ALEXIS
BOLANOS; RUTH RIVAS; YOVANA
JALDIN SOLIS; ESTEBAN RUBEN MOYA
YRAPURA; ROSA ELENA AMAYA; and
HERBERT DAVID SARAVIA CRUZ,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

WAPLES MOBILE HOME PARK LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP; WAPLES PROJECT
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; and A.J.
DWOSKIN & ASSOCIATES, INC.;

Defendants.

Civil Action No. _____

DECLARATION OF HERBERT DAVID SARAVIA CRUZ

I, Herbert David Saravia Cruz, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true:

1. I am a resident of Fairfax, Virginia. I was born and raised in El Salvador. I moved to the United States from El Salvador 15 years ago.
2. I came to the United States in pursuit of better opportunities for me and my family. Since arriving in the United States, I have worked a variety of jobs. I obtained an employment authorization document ("EAD") after I was granted Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") in 2002. I am proud of the life I have built in the United States for me and my family.
3. I currently own and live in a manufactured, or "mobile" home at Waples Mobile Home Park (the "Park"), which is located in Fairfax, Virginia. I live with my wife, Rosa Elena Amaya; and our 9-year-old, 6-year-old, 4-year-old, 2-year-old, and 7-month-old children, who are all U.S. citizens.

4. I understand that the company that operates the Park is A.J. Dwoskin & Associates, Inc (“Dwoskin & Associates”). Although I am not 100% certain, I also understand that Waples Mobile Home Park Limited Partnership (“Waples L.P.”) and Waples Project Limited Partnership (“Waples Project L.P.”) own the Park. Dwoskin & Associates, Waples L.P., and Waples Project L.P. are the Defendants in this lawsuit.

5. I moved to the Park with my wife and my only child at the time, on January 1, 2010, pursuant to a sublease agreement to live in the home of another tenant, Ricardo Carcamo. Mr. Carcamo had a lease with the Park.

6. I bought my current home at the Park for approximately \$5,000 in February 2012. I bought it from the family of a recently-deceased resident of the park. The title to my home is in my name. As of today, my home is paid off in full.

7. I am a proud homeowner. Since buying my home in the Park, I have spent substantial amounts of money in improvements including the roof, siding, patio, interior. I have also spent substantial time redecorating my home to best meet my family’s needs.

8. Although I own my home, I rent the land that it sits on from Dwoskin & Associates, who I understand is an agent of the Park’s owners. I submit lease payments for this land specifically to representatives of Dwoskin & Associates, including Josephine Giambanco (“Ms. Giambanco”), who is a property manager. I make these payments on a monthly basis. I pay my lease by checks or money order made out to “Waples Mobile Home Park.”

9. Even though I live in a “mobile home” park, I cannot easily move my home, which is effectively permanently fixed in its location on the lot I rent from Dwoskin & Associates. The home was built in 1981.

10. Around February 2012, I entered into a one-year Lease Agreement with Dwoskin & Associates for my lot at the Park. Each year after that, I renewed my lease with Dwoskin & Associates for my lot. Specifically, I renewed my lease in 2013, 2014, and, most recently, for a lease term beginning on February 1, 2015. This Lease Agreement has a monthly rent of \$745. (Attached as **Exhibit C-1** is a true and correct copy of my most recent Lease Agreement, which I signed on January 15, 2015.)

11. Throughout my time at the Park, I have maintained a good payment history. Additionally, I have always complied with the Park's requests that I submit to the annual inspections conducted by Defendants. I consider myself to be a respectful Park resident.

12. In January 2016, I spoke to Ms. Giambanco about renewing my lease for another one-year term beginning on February 1, 2016. However, when I spoke to Ms. Giambanco, she explained that my wife needed to complete her own application and list a Social Security number. Ms. Giambanco said if my wife was unable to do so, then she would have to leave the Park, and only me and my children would be able to live there.

13. I was shocked and confused by Ms. Giambanco's statement. My wife has been living with me in our home since I first moved into the Park. In fact, when I first moved in, I told Dwoskin & Associates that my family would be living with me, and someone in the leasing office said this was fine.

14. In addition, Dwoskin & Associates has known that my wife has been living with me at the Park since I moved there. I included my wife's name in the resident application form I signed when we first moved to the Park and when I signed the lease directly with Dwoskin & Associates; Dwoskin & Associates has registered in their computer system my wife as an occupant; and Dwoskin & Associates has conducted annual inspections of my home, at which

my wife has always been present, and has acknowledged my wife's presence through those inspections.

15. In February 2016, when I went to the management office to pay my rent, Ms. Giambanco asked if I had resolved my wife's situation yet. When I answered no, Ms. Giambanco informed me that if I did not come back to the office to sign paperwork stating that my wife was leaving the property, I would receive a "21-30" letter and the sheriff would place an eviction notice on my home. Ms. Giambanco also said they were placing me on a month-to-month lease at a "new monthly rent" of \$870, which included a \$25 year rent increase plus a \$100 premium for being on a month-to-month lease.

16. I have not received a notice to cure violations or vacate my home at the time of the signing of this declaration, but my wife and I live in fear that we will soon be forced out of our home.

17. Facing the threat of an increased monthly payment, at best, and an eviction, at worst, my wife and I decided to sell our mobile home. In or around February 2016, I informed Ms. Giambanco that I was going to sell and listed my home for sale.

18. On March 11, 2016, I received a letter from Ms. Giambanco stating that the month-to-month premium would increase to \$300 per month. (Attached as **Exhibit C-2** is a true and correct copy of this letter.) After totaling up all of the new fees, Dwoskin & Associates will be charging me \$1,070 per month starting in June for my lease. This is \$325 more per month than I have been paying under my last lease agreement.

19. My family and I cannot afford this rent increase. What my family is earning now is only enough to cover our basic living expenses. Paying \$1,070 per month is far beyond my family's means.

20. I have a small flooring company where I do most of the work. If we had to pay \$1,070 in rent, I would have to work significantly more than I do now. I would have to work as many hours as possible, both at night and during weekends. Given the nature of my work, however, I am not sure I would be able to find enough work.

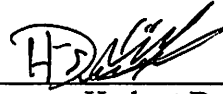
21. My wife cannot easily take on work outside the home, as she takes care of our five children.

22. If my family had to pay this new \$300 premium each month until our home sells, we would have to make tremendous sacrifices just to pay our rent. I worry that, even if we were lucky enough to find some additional work here and there, we may not even have enough money leftover for basic expenses, including for expenses related to my children's education, such as school supplies.

23. Everything that has happened since the beginning of 2016 has been very stressful for me and my family. Every day, my wife and I worry about how we are going to make enough money to pay the new rent. Because the \$300 increase will start on June 1, we are even more stressed about our situation and about the hardships that the increase will impose on me and my family, which is why we are asking the court for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction until the court can consider the full merits of our lawsuit.

24. Yo no leo inglés. Lo anterior me ha sido leído en español, antes de firmarlo. Yo, Herbert David Saravia Cruz, debidamente enterado de las penas de perjurio en que incurren los que declaran con falsedad, hago saber que lo que acabo de manifestar es verdadero y cierto. Cumplido y Firmado en esta fecha. *(I do not read English. The foregoing has been read to me in Spanish before I signed it. I, Herbert David Saravia Cruz, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed and Signed this date.)*

Executed in Fairfax, Virginia on the 20 day of May, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HDS', is written over a horizontal line.

Herbert David Saravia Cruz